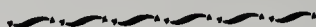


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A SECOND CORRECTION TO THE KEY TO THE SUBFAMILIES OF THE NEARCTIC STAPHYLINIDAE

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In my key to the subfamilies of the Nearctic Staphylinidae (Moore 1964) an exception was found which required a restatement of couplet 12 (Moore 1967). Another exception has been found which can be corrected by inserting an additional couplet after couplet 13. The exception involves the genus *Conosomus* in the subfamily Tachyporinae. Couplet 13 separates 2 subfamilies whose members lack abdominal paratergites from 15 other subfamilies, including Tachyporinae, which key out as having paratergites. Members of the genus *Conosomus* lack paratergites and so would erroneously be keyed to the wrong part of the couplet. This may most easily be corrected by inserting an additional couplet (13a) after couplet 13 as follows:

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| 13. | Abdomen without paratergites | 13a |
| | Abdomen with paratergites | 15 |
| 13a. | Hypomera not visible from the side <i>Conosomus</i> (Tachyporinae) | |
| | Hypomera visible, at least in part, from the side | 14 |

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